

Camas Conservation District

Fact Sheet

General Information: The Camas Conservation District was organized in 1957 to help landowners lay out irrigation systems and assist ranchers with soil quality and forage information. Each year, the District donates money, technical assistance, and office space for Southern Idaho Biological Weed Control staff, awards graduating seniors scholarship funds and sends youth to Natural Resource Camp and Envirothon, and sponsors educational activities. They also provide input to the Camas County Zoning and Planning Committee, monitor water quality in groundwater wells, and assist in NRCS snow surveys. The District's top priorities are: improve rangeland, improve wildlife habitat, increase public outreach, improve water quality and reduce soil erosion, and provide fiscally responsible district operations.

Mission (or Function):

- Set high standards for the wise use of the natural resources in the District and to encourage cooperation among landowners, government agencies, private organizations and selected officials.
- Make technical, financial and educational resources available and coordinate them to meet the needs of the local land manager with conservation of soil, water and related natural resources.

FY 2015 Accomplishments:

- Co-hosted and participated in the District 26 Legislative Luncheon.
- Two tree sales were held this year.
- Five well depth measurements on 30 wells were taken during this fiscal year – three in 2014 and two in 2015.
- Sponsorships were provided to Southern Idaho Biological Control Program, LSEE, Idaho Forestry Contest and AITC.

- Continuing a partnership with NRCS, Camas County and the City of Fairfield to provide a shelterbelt at our local medical facility..



Control of erosion materials provided by beaver dams following Cherry Creek fire of 2013

Future Plans and Projects:

- Planning a spring 2016 completion date for the Medical Center Shelterbelt Project.
- Planning Arbor Day Open House, including children's activities this year.
- Continue to be available to assist Camas County in the development of the Manmade area.

FY 2015 District Funding

State	\$16,760
County	\$4,400
Tree Sales	\$216
Volunteer/In-Kind Contributions	\$2,992
Total	\$24,368